



**Northwest Iowa  
Community College**

## **Region IV Telecommunications Council**

# **MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 20, 2013  
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

1. Call to order and roll call.

*Twyla Vogel, RTC IV Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00.*

*RTC Members Present: Michael Fitzpatrick, Josh Folkerts, Cheryl Heronemus, Twyla Vogel*

*RTC Members Absent: Gretchen Bartelson, Jim Christensen, Amanda De Groot, Rose Molacek, Jason Moser, Patrick O'Donnell*

*Guests: Mitch Dowhower, Mike Oldenkamp, Logan Van Den Berg*

2. Review minutes from meetings in August 2012 – Twyla Vogel

3. Staff Reports

a. Mike Oldenkamp – NCC Director of Technology and Information Services

*Mike explained that he and Twyla have been trying to schedule time at the March NWAEA superintendents' meeting to explain the future options for ICN access for the local schools. Mark Dayton and Pat McGinty, ICN reps, are willing to come to northwest Iowa to present the information.*

b. Twyla Vogel – NCC Scheduler

*Twyla reported that 7 courses are being offered through the ICN this term with 5 area high schools. Seventy-two high school students and thirty students for a total of 102 students are taking the classes.*

c. Logan Van Den Berg – NCC ICN Technician

*Logan reported that there have been few technical problems so far this year.*

d. Mitch Dowhower – NWAEA LAN/WAN Technician

*Mitch reported that he has been busy helping schools with network issues. Many are switching to wireless, Google apps, and the 1 to 1 program. There is no one wireless provider that schools are choosing; the choice is usually made by a bidding process.*

4. ICN Representatives at NWAEA Superintendent's Meeting in March

*Mike and Twyla had requested an hour at the March NWAEA Superintendents' meeting for the ICN reps to present the options for the future of ICN in the area schools. There is only a 15-minute time slot*



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*available for the ICN presentation at the March superintendents' meeting. As an alternative, Josh suggested that the information be presented at the April Tech Coordinators' meeting. He is a member of the coordinator group from the northern section of NWAEA. Mitch volunteered to notify the tech coordinators in the southern portion of the district. Josh would be willing to reserve a room at the AEA building in Le Mars. Mike will check with Mark Dayton and Pat McGinty to see if they can attend a meeting on April 16, 17 or 18. Twyla will send a summary to Josh of what will be presented to hopefully increase attendance at the meeting.*

### 5. Comments from Council Members

*Cheryl commented that she is still learning about the ICN system and asked about the condition of the equipment that the schools are using and if schools are using the equipment. Mike stated that some schools have put their equipment in storage, some cannot use their equipment because they cannot get replacements for what is broken, and one of the schools has replaced some of their old equipment with a Polycom system. Twyla asked each member to share any information that they hear from schools regarding how they are using, thinking of using or replacing their ICN systems.*

### 6. Next meeting

*The next meeting will likely be in July because the annual reports are due on July 30, 2013. This report requires a consensus vote from each of the RTCs.*

### 7. Adjournment

*It was moved by Cheryl Heronemus to adjourn. Josh Folkerts seconded the motion.*

*Submitted by interim secretary: Twyla Vogel*